

## University News

**Dr J. Lowy**, London, has been appointed professor of the Institute of Biophysics at the **University of Aarhus**.

**Dr A. P. Millman**, Royal School of Mines, has been appointed to the second chair in the Department of Mineral Exploitation at **University College, Cardiff**.

**Professor N. Geschwind**, Boston, has been appointed James Jackson Putnam professor of neurology at **Harvard University** and head of the Harvard Medical School's Department of Neurology.

**Dr Russell J. Barnett** has been appointed chairman of the Department of Anatomy in **Yale University**.

## Appointments

**Mr J. A. Nettleton** has been appointed the first director of the **National Park Centre** at Brockhole, Windermere.

**Dr John Seddon** has been appointed to the post of director-general of scientific research (air) by the Ministry of Technology.

## Announcements

The **Royal Society** has awarded the following three **Royal Medals**: to **Professor M. F. Atiyah**, University of Oxford, for his contributions to algebraic geometry and to the study of differential equations by the methods of algebraic topology; to **Professor W. T. J. Morgan**, formerly deputy director of the Lister Institute, for his contributions to the knowledge of the chemistry of blood group substances, with special reference to genetical as well as immunological considerations; to **Sir Gilbert Roberts**, Freeman, Fox and Partners, consulting engineers, for his contributions to civil engineering and in particular to the design and construction of long-span suspension bridges.

**CORRIGENDUM.** In the article "A Pulsar Supernova Association?" by M. I. Large, A. E. Vaughan and B. Y. Mills (*Nature*, 220, 340; 1968) the correlation coefficient 0.53 in the third from last paragraph should read  $-0.53$ .

**ERRATUM.** The first sentence of the review of the book *Plant Viruses* (p. 1011 of this issue of *Nature*) should read: "Eight years ago, when the third edition of Professor K. M. Smith's *Plant Viruses* was published, B. D. Harrison commented that it was regrettable that . . ."

**ERRATUM.** In "Slower Pace of Growth in France" from our Paris Correspondent (*Nature*, 220, 645; 1968), there was a mistake in the last paragraph caused by an error in transmission. The last but one sentence should read: "One can already foresee that the level of investment of the Fifth Plan . . ."

**ERRATUM.** In the article by our neurophysiology correspondent "Leech Neurones" (*Nature*, 220, 539; 1968), work was attributed to Nicholls and Taylor which was in fact carried out by Nicholls and Baylor.

**ERRATUM.** In the letter from G. H. Keswani (*Nature*, 220, 311; 1968) the last reference should be to *A Dictionary of Scientific Units*, and not to *Relativity: The General Theory*.

**ERRATUM.** In the article "Early Experience and Immunity" by George F. Solomon, Seymour Levine and John Kersten Kraft (*Nature*, 220, 821; 1968) the correct name of the journal in refs. 22 and 23 should have been *Fiziol. Zh. SSSR Sechenov*.

## International Meetings

January 29, **Recent Developments in Free Radical Chemistry**, Kingston upon Thames (Dr P. B. Brindley, Kingston College of Technology, Department of Chemistry, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, UK).

May 3-15, **In situ Investigations in Soils and Rock**, London (Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London SW1).

May 4-9, **Mechanisms of Action of Fungicides, Antibiotics and Cytostatics**, Reinhardtsbrunn (Professor H. Lyr, Institut für Fortwissenschaften, Alfred-Mollerstrasse, 13 Eberswalde, Germany).

May 5-8, **Aerospace Medical Association Meeting**, San Francisco (Dr William J. Kennard, c/o Washington National Airport, Washington DC 20001, USA).

May 5-10, **Mining and Metallurgical Congress**, London (Honorary Secretary of the Congress, Commonwealth Council of Mining and Metallurgical Institutions, 44 Portland Place, London W1).

May 5-15, **Rules for the Approval of Electrical Equipment**, London (310 Utrechtseweg, Arnhem, The Netherlands).

May 6-8, **Power Thyristors and their Applications**, London (Conference Department, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2).

May 6-9, **Fluid Sealing**, Philadelphia (J. J. Sherlock, c/o Midwest Aero Industries, Inc., POB 536, Oak Ridge Station, 4834 Delamere Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan 48073, USA).

May 11-18, **Exhibition on Diagnostics**, Munich (Munchener Messe-und Ausstellungs-Gesellschaft MBH, Theresienhohe 13, 8 Munich 12, Germany).

May 12-16, **Photographic Science and Engineering**, Los Angeles (Safety of Photographic Scientists and Engineers, 1330 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20005, USA).

## Sabbatical Itinerants

In the hope of providing some practical assistance in the good cause of mobility between laboratories *Nature* is proposing to advertise the needs for housing of families about to take up periods of sabbatical leave. To begin with, no charge will be made for advertisements like this. It is hoped that a period of experiment will show what form these advertisements could most usefully take and whether they are effective.

**WANTED:** In Manchester area, furnished house with 4-5 bedrooms, from December 1968 or January 1969 to November 1969. Family includes New Zealand physicist on leave from University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand, wife and three housetrained small boys, all of whom would be careful tenants. Please send details to Professor A. G. McLellan, c/o Geology Department, Manchester University, Manchester 13.

**EXCHANGE:** MIT (Cambridge, Massachusetts) professor and family (wife and two children) planning to spend year in London, summer, 1969, to summer, 1970. Would like to exchange 6 room furnished house in Arlington, Massachusetts, for reasonable furnished apartment or small house with convenient public transport to Lincoln's Inn Fields and near good schools. House in Arlington is on bus line to Cambridge and Boston. Dr Phillips W. Robbins, 56-631, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.